

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0019] This invention is directed to the need for real-time functionality in the voting process. A vote tracking and reporting system is provided that will read ballots and transmit encrypted vote data to a secured collection and processing system. The secured collection and processing system totals votes and monitors ballot irregularities. Authorized users access the secured processing system and server to retrieve vote totals. Election authorities can access the secured processing system and server to monitor ballot irregularities to assure that ballots are being properly used and counted.